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In re Application of:

FLOSBACH ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/017,132

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR REPAIRING COATED

SUBSTRATE SURFACES

Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Jennifer Kolb Michener

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 3, 2003

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 3, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below and consider the following remarks. A Terminal Disclaimer and an Information Disclosure Statement accompany this Response. A Petition for a one-month extension of time of the period for reply also accompanies this Response.

Amendments to the Claims (if made) are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003 begin on page 4 of this Response.